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Gregory A. White, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio, today announced that United States Magistrate Judge George J. Limbert in Youngstown, Ohio, sentenced Patrick J. Carrabine, 40, of Parma, Ohio, to three years probation, including three months of home confinement, following Carrabine's guilty plea to one count of fraudulent acceptance of Veterans Administration (VA) payments. Carrabine was also ordered to make \$62,892.49 restitution to the VA.

As part of his guilty plea, Carrabine admitted that, between February 2004 and June 2006, while he was receiving disability benefits from the VA, Carrabine had failed to notify the VA of his then full-time employment. Carrabine continued to receive disability benefits, causing a loss to the VA of \$62,892.49 for that time period.

The investigation was conducted by special agents of the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General, Criminal Investigations Division. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas J. Gruscinski.

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